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Public Health

Strength and pay of Indian, English and Anglo-Indian nurses in hospitals in the Presidency.

*1810 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Indian nurses employed in the hospitals in the Presidency;

(b) the number of English and Anglo-Indians; and

(c) the scales of pay for each?

A.—(a) & (b) 46 Indian, 58 European and 119 Anglo-Indian nurses are employed in Government hospitals in the Presidency.

(c) All fully qualified nurses whether European, Anglo-Indian or Indian, draw the same scale of pay, namely, Rs. 75—2½—125.

Agriculture

Fowl breeding in the Government Agricultural farms.

*1811 Q.—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what effort has been made to introduce better breeds of fowls into the different parts of the presidency;

(b) how many eggs and birds of better breeds have been sold in or otherwise sent for the purpose of introducing and increasing the breeds in the Ceded districts and in the Bellary district;

(c) whether any of the Agricultural Departmental farms in the Ceded districts are keeping better breeds of fowls and whether they are selling eggs and birds;

(d) at what price the poultry section has been selling eggs and birds during the last two years for breeding purposes and for table purposes; and

(e) how many eggs have been produced; and how many have been sold in the last year?

A.—(a) Breeds of white Leghorns, Rhode Island Reds and Light Sussex are maintained at Coimbatore, and white Leghorns at Hosur. Birds and eggs are sold at a cheap rate for breeding. One poultry demonstration centre has been opened in Perintalmanna, Malabar district, for the benefit of the Cherumas.

(b) None. Some students from these parts when leaving the college may have purchased some eggs and birds.

(c) No. The Agricultural Department have not taken up poultry as a main line of their work. Till more important matters have been adequately dealt with the department cannot take up poultry as a major proposition.

(d) The information is contained in the appended statement.[a]

(e) In 1927–28, 4,899 eggs were produced and 3,861 were sold. The figures for the current financial year up to February 1929 are 5,722 and 4,609, respectively.

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Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" In view of the fact that poultry is one of the chief subsidiary industries for agriculturists, will Government consider the question of making it a major proposition ? "

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member should not assign arguments. "

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of opening poultry demonstration centres at each one of the districts ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" In reply to the hon. Member's question, I will refer him to the answer given in clause (c)."

Avocation pursued by the ex students of the Agricultural Middle School at Taliparamba.

* 1812 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) how many have passed out so far from the Agricultural Middle School at Taliparamba ;

(b) how many of these have taken to farming their own lands and how the others are employed ; and

(c) whether the Government propose to employ these men as assistants to Agricultural Demonstrators or to utilize their services for any other work ?

A.—(a) Sixty.

(b) Twenty-one are engaged in farming, two are on the plantations and nine are employed as teachers under local boards and other non-official agencies. No information is available regarding the rest.

(c) The object of the school is to train the sons of farmers who would go back to their lands and carry out thereon the improved methods of agriculture learnt at the school. It was never intended that these men should join Government service and the Director has in consonance with the avowed purpose of the school, been rejecting all suggestions for appointing them. Further, the students who pass out of the school do not come from classes who would accept the posts of demonstration maistris.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I ask whether a sufficient number of young men are seeking admission to this school at Taliparamba ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I do not know, Sir."

Fisheries

Cost of bringing the trawler in charge of Captain Cribb from Bombay to Calicut.

* 1813 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the trawler in charge of Captain Cribb was brought to Calicut from Bombay in November last ; and

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what is the value of fish caught and the amount of expenditure involved in bringing the trawler to Calicut and its working on the seas ?